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SUBJ: CHINESE VICE-PREMIER RECEIVES WARM WELCOME -- SOMEBODY
OUT THERE CARES

1. CHINESE VICE PREMIER CHEN MU-HUA ARRIVED IN MOGADISCIO ON JULY 30 TO BE GREETED IN A STYLE NORMALLY RESERVED FOR HEADS OF STATE. SOMALI VICE-PRESIDENT ISMAIL ALI ABOKOR AND POLITBURO MEMBER BRIG. GEN. AHMED SULEIMAN ABDULLE (CHIEF OF THE SOMALI SECURITY SERVICE) HEADED THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL SOMALI MINISTERS. AFTER DEBARKING FROM HER SPECIAL PLANE THE CHINESE LEADER REVIEWED MILITARY HONOR GUARD FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY TROOP, RECEIVED FLORAL TRIBUTES FROM YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, AND VIEWED A PHALANX OF FLAG WAVING AND CHEERING MASS ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES DRAWN UP IN A LARGE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL. MADAME CHEN APPEARED TO TAKE IT ALL IN STRIDE, AND EVEN HAD A SMILE FOR THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AS SHE SHOOK HANDS WITH MEMBERS OF

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THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WHO CONSTITUTED THE LAST ELEMENT AMONG THE WELCOMING GROUPS. UNIFORMED SOMALIS, SOMETIMES SEVERAL DEEP, FROM THE POLICE AND MASS ORGANIZATIONS LINED THE ROAD AS MADAME CHEN'S MOTORCADE DEPARTED THE AIRPORT.

2. COMMENT: MADAME CHEN IS OFFICIALLY IN SOMALIA TO

PAY A FRIENDLY VISIT AND OPEN THE 970 KILOMETER BELET
HUEEN TO BURAO HIGHWAY BUILT BY THE CHINESE. SOMALI
LEADERS AT THE AIRPORT CEREMONY APPEARED TO BE PLEASED
WITH HER ARRIVAL, AND THE CROWD RESPONSE, NOTWITHSTANDING
THE ORGANIZED NATURE OF THE RECEPTION, SEEMED TO BE
ENTHUSIASTIC. WE SUSPECT THAT THE SENTIMENT IN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) IS:
PRAISE ALLAH* SOMEBODY OUT THERE REALLY CARES ENOUGH
TO VISIT MOGADISCIO. WE ALSO SUSPECT THERE IS SOME POPULAR
CARRY-OVER AS WELL. THERE IS ALSO NO DOUBT THAT THE
CHINESE ARE APPRECIATED IN THE GSDR, PARTICULARLY FOR
THEIR EFFECTIVE ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO DEVELOPMENT IN
SOMALIA. THE GSDR WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS
TO PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON THE VISIT OF MADAME
CHEN.
VOUGHT

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